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IN THE MATTER OF

LISA WALZER, R.A.

TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

Administrative Action

ORDER

THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Architects ("Board") upon receipt of information concerning the professional conduct of Lisa Walzer ("Respondent") in connection with a complaint filed by Eric Munoz ("Complainant").

More specifically, Respondent was hired in or about April 2001 by the Complainant to design and prepare plans in connection with a second floor addition and renovations to Complainant's home which was built in 1907. The testimony and documentation reveal that Respondent failed to properly investigate and ascertain all relevant and accessible existing conditions, including structural elements of the home, prior to preparation of the plans. Further Respondent's plans lacked important details, such as a first floor plan showing existing and proposed support necessary to accommodate the additional weight of the proposed addition and renovations to the second floor.

Accordingly, Respondent's plans were inadequate and deficient and, as a result, extensive damage occurred to the Complainant's home during the construction phase.

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40 Paterson Street PO Box 480 New Brunswick, NJ As a result of the foregoing, the Board has determined that Respondent's acts constitute a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and N.J.A.C. 13:27-5.1(a) in that Respondent failed to act with reasonable care and competence and apply the technical knowledge and skill which are ordinarily applied by architects of good standing practicing in the same locality.

IT NOW APPEARING that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings; and that the Respondent hereby waives any right to a hearing in this matter; and the Board finding the within Order adequately protects the public's health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 27 th day of September 2007, ORDERED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice architecture in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is, suspended for a period of one (1) year, to be stayed and served as a period of probation;
- 2. During the probationary period, Respondent agrees to the direct supervision of a New Jersey licensed architect, Richard Shive, who has been pre-approved by the Board. He shall monitor and review Respondent's practice of architecture. Respondent shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with, making arrangements for, the monitoring by Mr. Shive. The monitoring architect shall be responsible for submitting detailed quarterly reports to the Board concerning Respondent's practice of architecture, each of which must be accepted and approved by the Board;
- 3. Respondent agrees that in the event she violates any provision of this Consent Order, or is determined to be in violation of any statute and/or regulation which the Board administers during this probationary period, then Respondent's license to practice architecture in the State of New Jersey shall be automatically suspended without a hearing for the remainder of the probationary period, in addition to any other limitations or restrictions as the Board deems appropriate. Within five (5) days of notification of the suspension, Respondent may seek a hearing limited to the sole issue of violation of this Consent Order.

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- 4. Respondent shall immediately pay a civil penalty totaling Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and N.J.A.C. 13:27-5.1(a);
- 5. Respondent shall immediately pay all investigative costs totaling One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and 50/100 (\$1,378.50);
- 6. Respondent shall provide proof of successful completion, to the Board's satisfaction, of two (2) Board-approved courses in the areas of structures, liability and contract administration within six (6) months of the date of this Consent Order; and
- 7. All payments shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the "State of New Jersey" and forwarded to James Hsu, Executive Director, State Board of Architects, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD

OF ARCHITECTS

By:

ALBERT F. ZACCONE,

Board President

I have read and I understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I further hereby consent to the entry of this Consent Order.

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I agree to the form and entry of this Consent Order.

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